

## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

<b>Proposal Title</b>	<b>Preparation for Safety Repairs at San Antonio Dam</b>
<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District</b>
<b>Proposed Implementation Date</b>	<b>25 September, 2012</b>
<b>Proposed Federal Action</b>	<b>Corps would excavate, process, and place sand and gravel at downstream San Antonio Dam for potential future repairs.</b>

In Operations areas at San Antonio Dam, the Corps would excavate and process sand and gravel, and then place the material adjacent and downstream to the dam for future emergency operations, if needed. Although the excavation, processing and placement would occur on Corps Operations lands, the materials would be trucked from borrow to placement sites on local city streets. The Corps would prepare a sediment placement site of up to approximately 1.5 acres to accommodate approximately 5000 cubic yards of gravel and 1000 cubic yards of sand at the following gradations: Sand: 80-90% passing the #3 sieve with less than 5% fines; Gravel: graded 1-6 inches. Following excavation, processing, and site preparation, trucks of 10-14 cubic yard (10-14 cy) capacity would be used to transport the sorted materials to the approved placement location. The sand and gravel would be treated with herbicide and securely covered with tarps until possible future use. Besides tarps, Fencing will also be used to secure the site and materials. Work hours would be weekdays approximately 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays before noon.

<b>Location</b>	The proposed placement site is one of several under consideration, each located immediately downstream of the San Antonio Dam and Flood Control Basin, located north of Upland, CA on lands used by the Corps for flood control Operations.
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<b>Public Involvement</b>	The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above would extend from <b>6-20 August, 2012</b> . Please direct your comments to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at <a href="mailto:carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil">carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil</a> by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Asset Management Division Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017, or by telephone at (213) 452-3392.
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The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based

upon the analysis contained in the EA, pursuant to the last cause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and can not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.